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EDWIN E. SUER, et al.

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
THE OFFICE ACTION**

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For: HOT DOG SLICER/

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Mail Stop Nonfee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

Responsive to the office action mailed on April 27, 2004 (Paper No. 13),  
please amend the application as follows: